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TAGS: PORG, PDEV, UNGA, RQ

SUBJECT: STATE OF PLAY ON PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. SUMMARY: WHILE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS

OUTCOME OF COMMITTEE OF 24'S CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO

RICO ARE CONTINUING, CUBA IS STILL WITHHOLDING AGREEMENT

TO COOPERATE IN SUCH EFFORT AND THERE MAY BE VOTE SEPT

8. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSULTATIONS INVOLVING MOST C-24 MEMBERS AS WELL AS US HAVE PROCEEDED CONTINUOUSLY DURING PAST TWO DAYS AIMED AT MOVING TOWARD CONSENSUS RESULT TO COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO. IT IS CLEAR THAT MAJORITY OF C-24 MEMBERS WOULD PREFER SUCH OUTCOME, BUT NOT ALL ARE WILLING TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN PRESSING FOR IT. THERE HAVE BEEN STATEMENTS BY SEVEN MEMBERS IN COMMITTEE SUPPORTING PROPOSAL FOR CONSENSUS ORIGINALLY MADE BY INDIA. IN ADDITION USSR, WHILE CRITICAL OF US, GAVE ONLY LUKEWARM SUPPORT TO CUBAN RES AND ALSO SUPPORTED CONSENSUS. A NUMBER OF OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONSENSUS IN PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS (E.G. IVORY COAST, CHINA, SIERRA LEONE, FIJI, MALI, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO). ONLY SPEAKER IN C-24 IN SUPPORT OF CUBAN/IRAQI RES BESIDES SPONSORS AND USSR HAS BEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. INDIAN AMB JAIPAL SEPT 7 HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH CUBANS FOLLOWING C-24 MEETING IN WHICH CUBAN AMB ROA CALLED FOR VOTE ON HIS RES. JAIPAL HAS ALSO ASKED SOVIETS TO URGE CUBANS TO AGREE TO COOPERATE IN CONSENSUS EFFORT. HE IS DUE TO MEET AGAIN AM SEPT 8 WITH BOTH CUBANS AND SOVIETS TO GET THEIR REACTION TO IDEAS HE HAS PUT TO THEM ON POSSIBLE CONTENT OF A CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSENSUS RES.

4. AUSTRALIA PLANS SEPT 8 TO SUBMIT TWO REVISIONS TO ITS AMENDMENTS, IN EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SUGGESTIONS OF OTHERS. FIRST OPERATIVE PARA WOULD BE REVISED TO REFER TO RIGHT OF PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE "TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN CHARTER AND GA RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV) AND 1541 (XV)". IN SECOND OPERATIVE PARA WORDS "CONTINUE TO" WILL BE DROPPED. OUR CANVASS OF VOTING POSITIONS OF C-24 MEMBERS INDICATES THAT THERE IS REASONABLE CHANCE FOR SOME OF AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS TO BE ADOPTED. IF THIS BECOMES APPARENT, IT MAY ENCOURAGE CUBANS TOWARD CONSENSUS APPROACH. WE WILL CONTINUE LOBBYING TOMORROW FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS AND NEGATIVE VOTES ON CUBAN RES. EFFORTS TOWARD THIS END IN CAPITALS, ESPECIALLY TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS AND ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE INCLINED TO ABSTAIN, COULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

5. SHOULD DEVELOPMENTS AM SEPT 8 INDICATE THAT CUBANS ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN CONSENSUS

EFFORT, C-24 MEETING COULD BE CANCELLED IN FAVOR
OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS. IF
MEETING HELD, REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE WILL
PROBABLY BE EFFORT MADE TO DELAY VOTE IN ORDER TO
CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD CONSENSUS AND BUILD SUPPORT
FOR AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS. POSSIBILITY OF VOTE ON
SEPT 8 CANNOT HOWEVER, BE EXCLUDED. YOUNG

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